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SUBJ: PDC CHARGED WITH "PRO-MARXIST" ACTIVITY

1. ON NOV 17 MERCURIO CARRIED SHORT ARTICLE BY CONCEPCION CORRESPONDENT STATING THAT A CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT FROM A FACTION WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) HAD SURFACED IN CONCEPCION WHICH INDICATED A PLAN TO PLACE PDC PEOPLE IN KEY GOVERNMENT POSITIONS TO INFLUENCE JUNTA TOWARD ELECTIONS IN NEAR FUTURE. PDC WOULD ALSO USE INFLUENCE TO PROTECT FORMER UP PEOPLE AND RALLY VOTING SUPPORT FROM FORMER UP TO SUPPORT PDC (AS LEAST OF EVILS, PRESUMABLY) IN ELECTION. FOMENTING OF DISCONTENT WITH JUNTA, ESPECIALLY IN ECONOMIC FIELD, WOULD BRING ON ELECTIONS. ACCORDING TO THIS STORY, DOCUMENT ALLEGEDLY ISSUED BY EX-PDC DEPUTIES BARNARDO LEIGHTON, MARIANO RUIZ ESQUIDE, MARIO MOSQUERA ROA, AND EX-PDC SENATORS RADORMIRO ROMIC AND RENAN FUENTEALBA, DESCRIBED AS SAME GROUP WHICH CRITICIZED JUNTA IN DECLARATION APPEARING RECENTLY, IN LIMA PAPER EL COMERCIO. DOCUMENT DESCRIBED AS ADDRESSED TO SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS AND SIGNED BY ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ POBLETE, PDC OFFICIAL AND FORMER MEMBER OF FREI GOVERNMENT. CORRESPONDENT CLAIMED THAT EFFORT VITIOUSLY REPUDIATED BY REGIONAL PDC.

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2. BY NOV 18 TOMIC HAD CAUSTIC DENIAL IN MERCURIO INCLUDING QUOTATION FROM DOCUMENT HE CLAIMED HE HAD WRITTEN TO PDC DIRECTORATE, IN WHICH HE TOOK POSITION THAT JUNTA MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT BE GOOD FOR CHILE BUT CHANCES ARE THAT IT MAY NOT ONLY BE GOOD BUT MAY BE INDISPENSABLE FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF COUNTRY. SIMILAR HOT DENIALS APPEARED IN MERCURIO NOV 19 FROM RUIZ ESQUIDE AND GONZALEZ POBLETE. PDC ALSO ANNOUNCED IT WILL FILE COMPLAINT AGAINST CORRESPONDENT WHO WROTE STORY.

3. MERCURIO ON NOV 20 SCUTTLE UNDER COVER WITH EDITORIAL WHICH ADMITTED TONE OF CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT "EXCEEDED LIMITS" OF OBJECTIVITY, NOTED IT HAD PROMPTLY PRINTED PDC DENIALS, HOPED FOR CLARIFICATION OF MATTER, PRAISED PDC TRADITIONAL ROLE AS RESPONSIBLE POLITICAL ENTITY, AND CALLED PDC MEMBERS' PARTICIPATION IN PRESENT GOC LGITIMATE AND NATURAL. PDC'S OWN PAPER LA PRENSA PRINTED STRONG DENIAL OF CHARGE ON NOV 18.

4. COMMENT. EMBASSY UNABLE ESTABLISH FACTS OF CASE BUT IF SUCH DOCUMENT EXISTS WOULD BE POLITICAL BLUNDER UNUSUAL OF PDC LEADERS. CHARGE MIGHT WELL BE FABRICATION AS PART OF EFFORT BY FAR RIGHT TO DISCREDIT PDC WITH JUNTA AND EXPLOIT DIFFERENCES WITHIN PDC. WE UNDERSTAND PDC LEADERS INTEND GO DIRECT TO MERCURIO WITH STRONGEST PROTESTS AND THREATS OF POSSIBLE ACTION AGAINST PAPER ITSELF. WE ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH PURPORTED STATEMENT IN LIMA DAILY.

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